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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: AMERICAN PERSONNEL WORKING ON
MILITARY PROJECTS, SAUDI ARABIA

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1. AT REQUEST OF CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL
POLITICAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (HIRC), THE U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNT-
ING OFFICE IS CONDUCTING A REVIEW OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL
WORKING ON MILITARY OR MILITARY-RELATED PROJECTS IN
SAUDI ARABIA. FOR MOST PART, REVIEW TO BE CARRIED OUT IN
WASHINGTON AT DEPARTMENT AND DOD. GAO AUDIT MANAGER
THOMAS FLAHERTY, WHO WILL BE VISITING JIDDA IN CONNECTION
WITH REVIEW OF U.S. FOREIGN MILITARY SALES TO SAUDI
ARABIA, IS ALSO IN CHARGE SUBJECT REVIEW AND WILL BE
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MAKING INQUIRIES ON THIS MATTER.

2. ACCORDING TO GAO AUDIT LETTER, OBJECTIVE OF REVIEW IS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON (1) NUMBER OF AMERICANS STATIONED OR EMPLOYED IN SA OY EITHER THE USG OR BY CIVILIAN FIRMS, (2) THE PROJECTS ON WHICH THEY ARE EMPLOYED AND WHO IS EMPLOYING THEM (BY NAME AND NATIONALITY OF EMPLOYER), (3) ANY AGREEMENTS BETWEEN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND PRIVATE FIRMS TO COOPERATE OR WORK

JOINTLY ON ANY OF THESE PROJECTS, AND (4) HOW MANY OF THESE PERSONNEL ARE READILY ASCERTAINABLE AS JEWISH OR WOMEN. IN DISCUSSING THESE AUDIT OBJECTIVES WITH FLAHERTY IN DEPARTMENT, WE AGREED TO LIMIT INQUIRY AT EMBASSY TO REVIEW OBJECTIVES (1) AND (2), AND TO SEEK INFORMATION ON REMAINING OBJECTIVES IN WASHINGTON.

3. FYI. HIRC INITIATIVE AND GAO REVIEW ARE CLEARLY RELATED TO RECENTLY-ENACTED PROHIBITION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION CONTAINED IN SECTION 302 OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT OF 1976 (TEXT PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED EMBASSY), PARTICULARLY NEW SECTION 5 OF ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT(FORMERLY FMSA). END FYI.

4. TO EXTENT INFORMATION ON (1) AND (2) ABOVE IS AVAILABLE WITH EMBASSY, IT MAY BE PROVIDED TO FLAHERTY WHILE AT JIDDA. COPIES OF DATA PROVIDED GAO FLAHERTY SHOULD BE POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT ATTENTION A/BF/OAG. QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS CONCERNING THIS REVIEW SHOULD BE REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT.

5. PLEASE INFORM USMTM THIS MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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